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REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action dated December 16, 2004.

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application, of which claims 1 and 12 have been amended. Claims 1-19 stand rejected, and claims 20-25 stand allowed.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Mitani (U.S. Patent No. 6,224,390). Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the amendment to the claims and the following discussion.

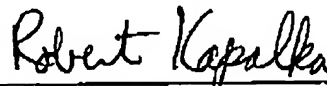
The present invention relates to an electrical connector having a base portion configured for stationary mounting to a circuit board, and an interface portion received within the base portion. The interface portion is arranged to rotate when a predetermined torque is applied to the interface portion, thereby limiting the torque that is transmitted to the base portion by the interface portion.

Independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to recite that the interface portion has at least one lug configured to be driven by a rotatable part of a mating connector.

Mitani discloses an electrical connector having a base portion 30 and an interface portion 10, but Mitani does not disclose the interface portion having at least one lug configured to be driven by a rotatable part of a mating connector. In fact, the electrical connector of Mitani is not designed to mate with a rotatable part, so there would be no reason for Mitani to add such a lug. The Mitani connector is designed to mate strictly with a push-on style connector that does not have a rotatable part. Therefore, Mitani does not provide any suggestion for a modification that includes a lug.

For these reasons, independent claims 1 and 12 and the claims dependent thereon are believed to be allowable. Reconsideration of the rejection, and allowance of all the claims, are respectfully requested.

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